REMARKS

Claims 2-14 were allowed in the Office Action dated March 31, 2003. The Advisory Action indicates that prosecution has been re-opened so as to correct mere formalities as set forth in the pending Office Action. Claims 3, 10, 11 and 13 are amended as indicated herein. Support for the amendments is found throughout the application, for instance in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims remain in condition for allowance. Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of any and all rejections and/or objections.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that this application remains in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees, which may be required with respect to this paper, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107350-00003.

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